

Westminster eForum policy conference:
Next steps for data protection in the UK
Timing: Morning, Thursday, 15th January 2026
*****Taking Place Online*****



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Regulatory considerations and next steps for data protection**
Emily Keaney, Deputy Commissioner, Regulatory Policy, Information Commissioner's Office
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 **Stakeholder priorities for initial implementation of the Data (Use & Access) Act 2025**
timeline for staged rollout / accounting for the needs of business and consumers / priorities for planning, readiness and effective proportionate implementation / interpretation and handling of subject access requests / PECR breach reporting changes / handling children's data and age assurance / ICO priorities, governance transition, and implications for guidance and enforcement / implications for cross-border data transfers and business confidence
Senior representative, business
Senior representative, public sector
Senior representative, legal
Senior representative, advocacy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **Key considerations for UK-EU data adequacy**
Senior representative, international
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11:00 Break
- 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.15 **Assessing the future for marketing practices**
Chris Combemale, Director, Policy and Public Affairs, Data and Marketing Association
- 11.25 **Strategy and standards for open banking - insights for smart data schemes**
Stephen Wright, Head, Regulation and Standards, Bank of APIs, NatWest Group
- 11.35 **Opportunities for data innovation - smart data schemes and artificial intelligence**
sector-specific smart data opportunities / priorities for DESNZ's consultation on energy / links to DSIT's consultation on digital markets / application in property and transport / tackling barriers to data portability / interoperability and shared standards / coordination and governance models / AI assurance and accountability / consumer protection and third-party age verification
Dr Nathalie Moreno, Partner, Kennedys Law
Dr Milly Zimeta, Head, Digital and Data Policy, Which?
Senior representative, use case
Senior academic
- 11.55 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 **Policy priorities for supporting innovation and delivering protection**
Owen Rowland, Deputy Director and Head, Data Protection Policy, Department for Science, Innovation and Technology
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster eForum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Thomas Howard, Westminster eForum